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#### Attn: PCT LEGAL OFFICE

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/519,926

Device for Locoregional Anesthesia and Method for Making the

Cannula of said Device

Carrez et al.

Our Ref: MART0850US

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Patent and Trademark Office has erroneously issued a Notice of Acceptance of Application (copy enclosed) in the above referenced patent application.

The above referenced application to enter the national stage in the U.S. was filed by express mail on December 9, 2004 without an inventors' declaration. The application had 10 numbered claims including several multiple dependent claims many of which were dependent on other multiple dependent claims.

No notice of missing requirements has been received. A Notice of Acceptance of Application acknowledging receipt of the never filed inventors' declaration was mailed on July 13, 2005 with a filing receipt stating that the total number of claims is 10.

Applicant's deposit account was charged \$360 on July 12, 2005 for a multiple dependent claim. It is applicant's intent to file a preliminary amendment which will eliminate all multiple dependencies from the claims with the inventors' declaration upon receipt of the notice of missing requirements.

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Reconciliation of the matter by crediting deposit account no. 06-0735 in the amount of \$360 and issuing the anticipated notice of missing requirements is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard F. Mandelbaum Applicants' Attorney Reg. No. 27,519

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**CONFIRMATION NO. 3170 371 ACCEPTANCE LETTER** 

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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

12/30/2004

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

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The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/30/2004
- English Translation of the IA filed on 12/30/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/30/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 12/30/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/30/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 12/30/2004

to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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Non-Publication Request: No

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Title -

Device for locoregional anesthesia and method for making the cannula of said device

#### **Preliminary Class**

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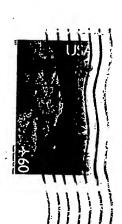
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